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HONG KONG.

LABOUR PARTY JUBILANT OVER SUCCESSES IN L.C.C. ELECTIONS



Here: Adolf Hitler, the German Reich Chancellor, in characteristic attitude.—(S. & G.).

GERMAN PROTEST TO "MOCK TRIAL"

Hitler Found Guilty Of "Crimes."

NEW YORK MAYOR AMONG 20 PROSECUTORS

Washington, To-day. The German Ambassador here protested to the White House last night against a mock trial, in Madison Square Garden, New York, at which Chancellor Hitler was found guilty of "crimes against civilisation."

The State Department has declined to take action. No Government official was in any way connected with the trial.

The twenty prosecutors included the Mayor of New York, Mr. La Guardia, and the ex-Mayor, Mr. Al Smith. — Reuter.

DEMOCRAT LEADER MAKES REPORT.

Congress Adjournment In May.

NO WAR DEBT MESSAGE

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL. (By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1924, Received March 9, 9.55 a.m.)

Washington, To-day. Senator Robinson, the Democratic leader, has informed President Roosevelt that he is confident that Congress will adjourn between May 1 and May 15.

They conferred lengthily and surveyed the entire legislative situation, after which it is understood that Senator Robinson will henceforth concentrate on the tariff measure, the Appropriation Bill, and on legislative aid for municipalities.

Senator Robinson indicated that no war debt message is expected this session.—United Press per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

WORLD WHEAT PRICES.

U.S. May Oppose Any Stabilisation Plan.

UNLESS UNIVERSAL EVIDENCE OF OVER-PRODUCTION

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL. (By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1924, Received March 9, 10.15 a.m.)

Washington, To-day. The Agriculture Department has indicated that the United States would oppose any plan to fix the world wheat price, unless there is universal evidence of over-production.—United Press per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

PROSPECT OF CONTROL FOR FIRST TIME

LEADER PROMISES REAL POLITICAL CHANGES

COMMUNISTS AT FOOT OF POLL

London, To-day.

The Labour Party are jubilant at the prospect of controlling the London County Council for the first time in history.

The leader, Mr. Herbert Morrison, formerly the Transport Minister, said that the election result was magnificent. "I can promise some real changes in policy," he added.

Lord Jessel, the Municipal Reform leader, on the contrary, ascribed the election result as apathy on the part of the electorate.

The Labour Party have not lost a single seat. Their striking successes included clean sweeps of six seats at Hackney, and four each at Fulham and Bethnal Green.

The leaders who are unseated, include Mr. Ernest M. Dence, Chairman of the London County Council, Sir Cyril Cobb, Chairman of the Public Assistance Committee, Earl Haddo, the new Marquess of Aberdeen, Mr. Webb, the recently appointed leader of the Municipal Reform Party, and the Liberal leader, Sir Percy Harris.

Sixteen Communist candidates were all at the bottom of the poll.—Reuter.

A LABOUR CONTROL FOR LONDON C.C.

Amazing Advance At The Elections.

29 SEATS GAINED

London, To-day. Labour control of the London County Council for the next three years is virtually assured as the result of a heavy swing towards labour at the elections, yesterday.

With 26 results to be declared to-day, the results announced last night show that from the Council of 124 members, Labour has secured 61 seats, the Municipal Reformers, 37 seats, and the Liberals, nil.

Labour gained 29 seats, and the Municipal Reformers and Liberals lost 25 and four respectively.

Three of the outstanding seats were Labour at the last election.—Reuter.

U.S. TO SUPPORT SOVIET TRADE.

Representatives Leaving For Russia.

EXPORT, BANK'S BACKING.

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Washington, To-day. The Chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, Mr. Jesse Jones yesterday stated that Russia was seeking to purchase 500,000 bales of cotton, 100,000 tons of copper, quantities of railroad equipment, and heavy machinery, through the aid of the financing of the Export-Import Bank.

He said, were shortly leaving for Russia to arrange details.—United Press per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Five to thirty with moderate north-east wind. In the evening the Royal Observatory is forecasting a squally day with rain.

CATHOLIC PRIEST SEIZED

Tension Between Nazis And Vatican.

"PROTECTIVE CUSTODY"

Wermichhausen, Frankonia, To-day. A significant commentary to the recent growing tension between the Vatican and the Nazi regime, was seen yesterday, when a Catholic priest, Father Kolb, was taken into "protective custody" for anti-Nazi utterances. He is the fourth Catholic priest to be arrested in Germany during the past month on similar charges.—Reuter.

STOCK EXCHANGE REGULATION BILL

Fletcher Anticipates Simplifications.

MODIFIED DRAFT ALMOST READY

Washington, To-day. After a visit to the White House, Senator Fletcher said that he expected that the Fletcher-Rayburn Bill would be simplified as much as was practicable to direct its features against the well-recognized evils of the stock exchanges. Meanwhile, a modified draft had been nearly completed by the Senate Banking Committee and experts.—Reuter.

WILL CONSIDER CHANGES

Segregation Of Brokers.

Washington, To-day. Senator Fletcher has indicated that he is willing to consider changes in the Fletcher-Rayburn Bill for stock exchange regulation, which is expected to be passed in the near future. He said that the bill would be modified to segregate brokers and to provide for a more effective system of supervision.—United Press per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

NEW PORTUGUESE CONSUL FOR SHANGHAI

Mr. Da Silva Returning To Lisbon After 2 1/2 Years

Shanghai, To-day. The Portuguese Consul-General here, Mr. J. B. P. da Silva, and his wife and three children are leaving for Lisbon on Sunday on the s.s. Patroclus. Mr. Silva was the guest at a luncheon given yesterday by the Consul-General. He has been Consul-General here for two and a half years. His successor, Mr. A. Aldes, is arriving in April from Bombay.—Reuter.

SIR PHILIP SASSOON ON AIR ESTIMATES

Very Small Increase Reported.

GOVERNMENT MEMORANDUM WILL BE FOLLOWED

London, To-day.

In presenting the air estimates to the House of Commons yesterday, the Under-Secretary for Air, Sir Philip Sassoon, said: "These estimates, in their broad outline, are the outcome of a desire to pursue disarmament and to study economy on one hand, and on the other, our reluctant conviction that a policy of postponement cannot be continued."

"The resumption of the scheme of 1928 has become inevitable, but we do not want, at this stage, to put forward a programme of construction which might prove to be the starting gun for a race in air armaments. In the interests of world peace, the initial measure of advance for which these estimates make provision, is being decidedly kept within the most modest bounds."

The estimates, he continued, amounted to £17,561,000 net, which was an increase of only £135,000. For this, four new squadrons, made up of two for some defence, one flying-boat squadron and the equivalent of a squadron for the fleet air arm, were provided, while two home defence squadrons, now forming part of one of the experimental establishments, would be reconstituted and given a separate entity. (Continued on Page 9)

RACE-HORSE TRAINERS RE-INSTATED

London, To-day. The Racing Calendar announced yesterday that the trainers, C. Chapman and D. Taylor, have been re-instated.—Reuter.

Five Modifications To The Fletcher-Rayburn Bill

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50 CENT DOLLAR ADVOCATED

Committee For Nation Urge Gold Boost.

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New York, To-day. The Committee for the Nation yesterday urged that the United States gold price should be increased to U.S.\$41.34, making the dollar 50 cents, on terms with the old parity.—United Press per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

U.S. SILVER MOVE TO-MORROW.

Fixed Ratio To Gold Not Planned.

COINAGE COMMITTEE BILL

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Washington, To-day. The House of Representatives' Coinage Committee has agreed to meet to-morrow to vote and report a Silver Bill. The bill is expected to represent a compromise of Mr. Feinsinger's plan to accumulate silver monetary reserves, and Mr. Dies' plan to accept silver at a premium for supporting surplus farm products. It is understood that the Committee is not planning to establish a fixed ratio for silver with gold, but merely to authorize purchases of silver at increased prices until the commodity price level has been permanently established.—United Press per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

JAPANESE OUTRAGE

MR. MUTO SERIOUSLY WOUNDED

Perpetrator Commits Suicide.

SEQUEL TO SENSATIONAL DISCLOSURES

Kamakura, To-day.

Mr. Sanji Muto, a leading Japanese industrialist, was shot and seriously wounded here, this morning. The motive was apparently political.

Mr. Muto's assailant committed suicide immediately after.

Mr. Muto was leaving his home when his assailant approached. The gunman killed the steward who attempted to protect his master, and then fired on Mr. Muto, who was wounded in three places.

A few days later, the assailant committed suicide.

STONY AND STAYING. It is believed that the shooting was the result of Mr. Muto's recent exposure of alleged corruption in connection with the loan and steel merger between the government and private enterprises, leading to the resignation of the Commerce Minister, Baron Nakajima, on February 15.—Reuter.

COTTON INTERESTS

Tokyo, To-day. Mr. Muto's life-work was the building up of the huge Kanagawa cotton interests. He recently bought control of the newspaper, Jiji, in which he carried on a campaign last year leading up to the boycott of Indian raw cotton.—Reuter.

POSITION HOPELESS

Tokyo, Later. Mr. Muto's condition is regarded as hopeless. He is wounded in the chest, leg and abdomen. His assailant was a youth of 20, name Fukushima.—Reuter.

CHINESE MILITARY MISSION.

Survey Of Institutions In Moscow.

NEXT VISIT TO POLAND

Moscow, To-day. The Chinese military mission, headed by General Yang Chin, was yesterday received by the Soviet Minister for War and Marine, M. K. Voroshilov.

The mission visited the military training institutions and schools, and also detachments in the Moscow military district.—Reuter.

The military mission arrived in Moscow on Monday, and will stay for a few days. It will then visit Poland.

It is understood that the mission will also visit the Soviet military installations in the Far East, and will return to China in the near future.

STOP PRESS

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL. (By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1924, Received March 9, 10.15 a.m.)

Washington, To-day. The House of Representatives has passed a bill to authorize the Federal Trade Commission to enforce certain provisions of the Federal Trade Commission Act, which is expected to be passed in the near future. The bill would give the Commission the power to issue orders to prevent unfair trade practices.—United Press per S. C. Gold Bar Co.



The WOMAN'S Page



Latest Footwear Styles

Bows Are Featured For Spring.

"AT THE BACK" INTEREST

New York.

The back of the shoe will have no reason to feel slighted this spring. In keeping with the extensive use of bows at the back of dresses, new footwear styles include dainty little bows at the heels.

In some of the styles this new heel bow is of ribbon matching the dress in colour and carried through loops at the side of the shoe.

The bow motif, important, in the new "at the back" interest, can thus be carried out in hat, neck, waistline and shoe.

Shankless kid opera pumps, with no sole under the arch, are another innovation in footwear fashions—one on which a designer is said to have spent five years of experimentation. Instead of a sole the upper part of the shoe is brought down under the arch and soamed.

The absence of the shank is supposed to make the foot at least one size smaller.



HINTS FOR HOME DECORATING.

Colours Need Choosing With Care.

Should you want to give a new coat to some of your walls perhaps the following suggestions would help you:

1. Duck egg green is a good colour for a room that gets the morning sun.

2. Choose pale orange, maize, shell-pink, peach, or apricot for a room that gets little sun.

3. Beige or a cool French grey or stone are good shades for rooms that get the afternoon sun.

4. Decorate your kitchen in the same way. If facing the south or west, a pale blue or blue and white is suitable. If the north or east, then any shade of yellow or pale orange.

5. Give your bathroom a warm yellow or pale gold tint, no matter its aspect.

"The Fair Is Forsaken In Winter."

This typical Chinese saying is used to illustrate that there are things which are very useful at one time yet are entirely useless at another. But it does not apply to Pinkettes, the perfect little laxative, liver pills, which are equally helpful to men and women, old and young, throughout every part of the year.

For example, at the changes of season few people who are victims of constipation sleep soundly. This is because the accumulation of waste matter in the system contaminates the blood stream and lowers its power of resisting the germs which cause colds.

To prevent or dispel constipation Pinkettes are ideal; they also stimulate, brighten liver, banish biliousness, sick headaches and the depression arising therefrom, purify the blood, clear muddy, pimply skin, relieve piles. Pinkettes are to be had of chemists everywhere.

CROCHETED ACCESSORIES FOR SPRING

New Woollies Follow Fashion Closely.

"DAGGERS" FOR BERETS

When the spring collections come along we shall see at the most exclusive fashion houses all kinds of knitted and crocheted accessories.

Designers have discovered that an enormous amount of chic can be produced with a couple of knitting needles or a crochet hook. New hats and scarves, new jumpers and trimmings, are being evolved now by clever brains in London and Paris.

The new "woollies" are, following fashion closely, in all essential details. Necklines and shoulders, sleeves and fastenings, will be made on the lines of the smartest dresses.

As for hats, there are half a dozen rivals to the beret, although the latter is as popular as ever. The clever worker will make her new hat or beret in such a manner that she can wear it in several different ways, so that apparently she will have a new hat three times a week. Her scarf will look as though it were part of her frock, although it can be worn with her coat just as easily.

When you are planning your jumper, try to introduce a note of originality.

Look round for some unusual buttons, think out an up-to-minute neckline, finish it off with a smart belt. A good line and chic accessories are more important in the newest woollies than any amount of elaborate trimming.

Buttoned With Chic
Don't be content with ordinary-looking buttons. Cleverly designed ones are the "high lights" on some of the latest jumpers and coats.

Light-coloured wooden buttons as large as five-shilling pieces were used on some plainly knitted coats I saw recently, and silvered or leather buttons on others. Newest of all are Tyrolean buttons, cut from chamois horns.

There are plenty of novel ways of using them, too. A scarf can be buttoned on to a jumper instead of being sewn, and a couple of buttons on each shoulder will help you to arrange your scarf in an unusual fashion.

For that hat or beret which will be the finishing touch to your costume, there are some new little daggers and nails in plain and bright coloured woods. These can be thrust through the crown or used to skewer the brim so that it keeps the right curve.

KNITTED RIBBONS ARE NEW.

Cotton And Straw For Beach Suits.

There are little bolero evening jackets, in ruffled tulle or crinkled taffeta, with "fins" at the back and large revers now. Knitted ribbons for scarves, straw for belts and bands, cellophane for scarves, and horsehair gauze for evening gown trimmings are being used now.

Vera Bore is using materials of cotton and straw for her beach suits, and a fabric made with strands of cellophane woven into it is seen at every house for day and evening clothes.



HANDBAGS MADE OF CORK

Sporting Air About New Models.

LIGHT AND WASHABLE

Cork pochettes trimmed with all shades of leather are the latest arrivals in the land of smart handbags. Possibly the most chic alliance of all is the natural colour of cork made with a large flap and border of black patent leather.

The insides and linings are kept to the cork colours, but sometimes special shades are stressed as trimmings. Pale green is very summery and cool with the soft cork colouring.

Most cheering is a small bag of cork bound with narrow red leather and gilt, with two enormous red cherries at the side which formed an efficient fastening.

There is a sporting air about cork. It is very light, durable, and washable. Further, the cork shade will be that of our new summer stockings, and whatever leather is chosen as the trimming will match the ensemble or suit.

Most interesting is a large bangle of cork with the outer edge of gold, forming a novel slave bangle to match the pochette.

BACKWARD TREND IN FASHION.

Long-Sleeved Short Yokelets.

There is a backward movement in a scroll. They are not only run of stiffened out wings that roll over a short distance down either side near the centre back, but sometimes down and over shoulder blades.

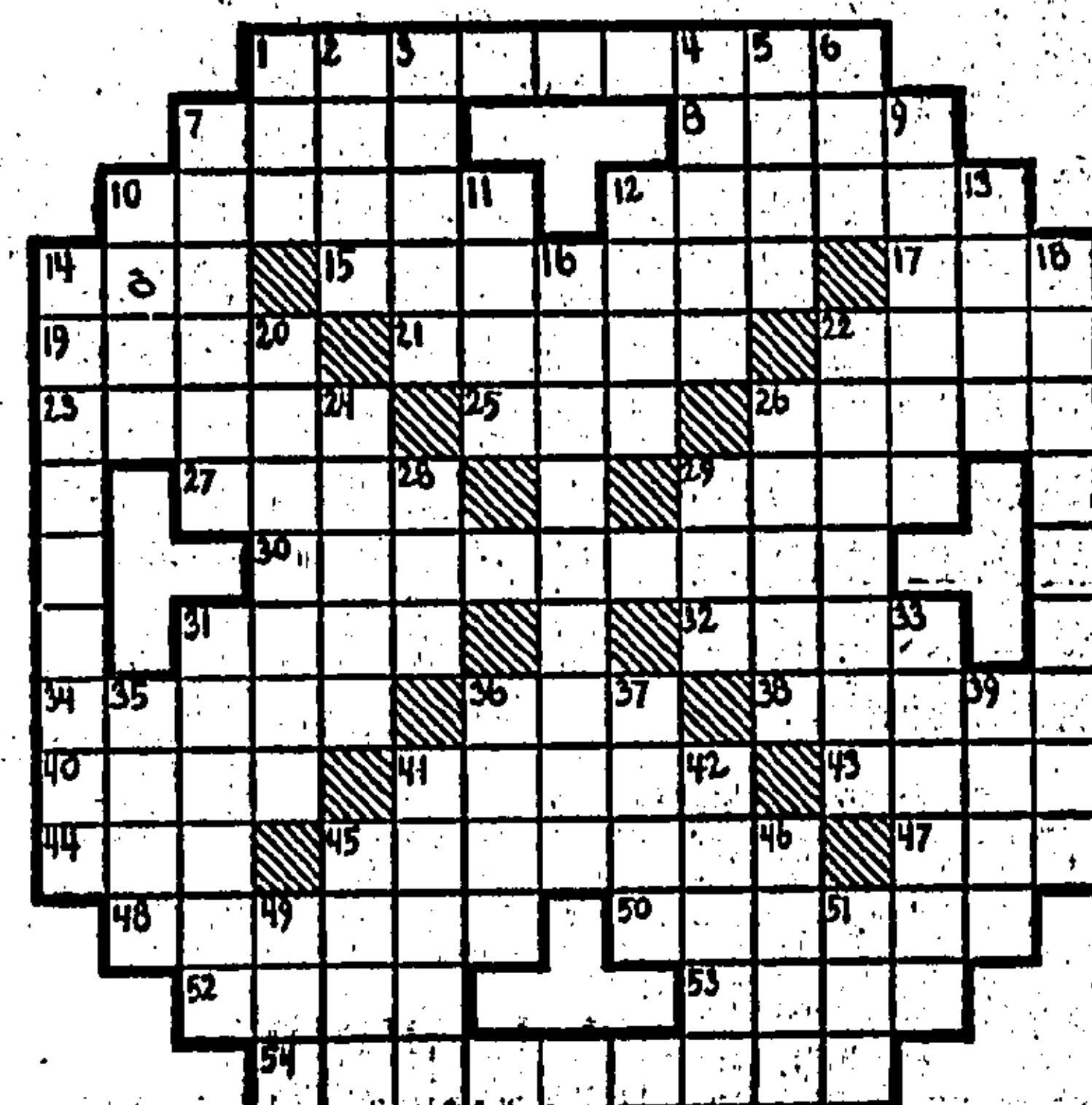
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional puzzling spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Accelerator
- 7-Greek god of war
- 8-Shower
- 10-Wrinkle
- 12-Train attendant
- 14-Corner (abbr.)
- 15-Armies
- 17-Idol
- 19-A garden implement (pl.)
- 21-A number (pl.)
- 22-Narrow twilled material
- 23-Item in one's property
- 25-Series
- 26-Allots
- 27-Darnel
- 28-Hand part of the body
- 30-Abuses
- 31-Weakens
- 32-Walk t.
- 34-Blind again
- 36-Nocturnal mammal
- 38-Twigs of willow
- 40-Girl's name

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 41-A beetle (Surg.)
- 42-Large plant
- 44-Fut on
- 46-Soaked in liquid
- 47-Alderman (abbr.)
- 48-City thoroughfare
- 50-Episodes
- 52-Fun-bearing animal
- 53-Ennias (Fr.)
- 54-Stuttered

VERTICAL

- 1-Raw metal
- 2-Resound
- 3-Prussian city
- 4-Peasants
- 5-Propellers
- 6-Insect eggs
- 7-Capture
- 9-Nullify
- 10-Utters the note of a dove
- 11-Defensive armor
- 12-Bard
- 13-Twisted hemp

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 14-Fired by contract
- 15-Intoxicate
- 16-Abandoned all hope
- 20-Mermaid
- 22-Tautest
- 24-The stomach of a ruminant used for food
- 26-Adage
- 28-A letter
- 29-Basso (abbr.)
- 31-Provides scantily
- 32-Rubber on the high seas
- 33-Man's name
- 35-A vegetable
- 37-To drink excessively (epithetous liquor)
- 39-Elongated fish (pl.)
- 41-An upright sculptured slab (Archaeol.)
- 42-Not at any time
- 43-Rest
- 44-A doll
- 46-Residence (abbr.)
- 51-Boy's name (short)

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

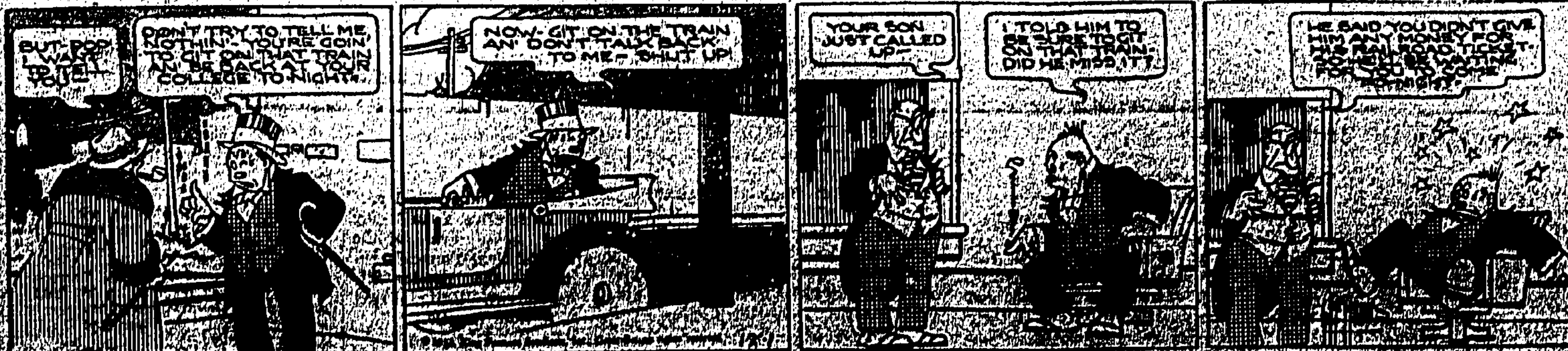
under caped wraps. These are numerous and are given variety in the form of hooded backs that widen out at the nape from a grouped section of three cone-shaped flutes.

Fluted effects are conspicuous in tango yellow gold lame, moire, and almond green velvet. Others are in sapphire blue satin, in one case faced back with American Beauty red, the short line being followed to avoid contact with hip wings on a sapphire blue gown.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

AT DIRECTS DO
SAVES G OPERA
RAW AGE ALER
NET LISTS MAR
OR MAD OER ME
LIOS NEED A
SEAR AIMS
T PEEL BARD O
EM OOE ESS ON
NEW NARES ITS
TAR DEN POT
PERIL S PANES
OS MASTERS RE

Bringing Up Father.



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Clark and Fisher, scored for the Tamar, while Winstanley, who was the outstanding for the Ranchi. Johnson, pulled for the yallora.

R.M.S. Tamar, King, Mann, Hoot, Holes, Ferri, Wells, Clark, Taylor, Fisher, Brown.

R.S. Ranchi, Coteach, Ryan, Wren, Parker, Pittingham, Winstanley, Johnson, Taylor, Brown, Jones, Lee.

Earl H. ("Red") Black, who has been signed up as head coach at Dartmouth College, succeeding Jackson Cunnell, is married to Miss Jane Black, coach of the Army football squad, and will

LITERARY NOTES

NOTABLE BIOGRAPHY PUBLISHED

Sir James Lacaita.

A notable biography comes from Grant Richards, and deals with Sir James Lacaita, under the title "An Italian Statesman." The story is told with candour by Sir James's son Charles, who died recently. It is an interesting one, for Sir James knew most of the great figures in the Italian Risorgimento, and also those in English public life, including Gladstone, Merley, Macaulay, and Rosebery.

SIXTEEN WOMEN OF ENTERPRISE.

Feminine Figures Of The 1830's.

Mrs. Janet E. Courtney has done well to assemble in one book, called "The Adventurous Thirties" (Oxford University Press, 8s. 6d.), the story of "many enterprising women living and working alongside of each other in the eighteenth-thirties."

Sixteen women are here dealt with, grouped under the headings, "Poets," "Annualists," "Voyagers to India," "Critics of America," "Philanthropists," "The Salons." Of Harriet Martineau, Elizabeth Fry, Lady Blessington and the rest of them Mrs. Courtney writes with a quiet gracefulness which not only puts before us the women as individuals but also creates, in the long run, the atmosphere and tempo of the age which moulded them and which, in turn, they helped to mould.

Fiction Mixed With Fact

Unique Novel Drawn From Life

A FINANCIAL ROMANCE

(By HOWARD SPRING)

A queer, delightful, annoying book called "Sam and Sallie" by Alfred Lane Crauford, has been published by Cranley and Day (8s. 6d.). The author calls the book a novel, and explains in an introduction that all the characters are drawn from life, "and in a broad sense, have acted as I relate. . . . Where the truth is known of the careers of my characters I have strictly adhered to it, as handed down to me either by personal knowledge or from numerous existing letters and documents, but there are periods when what actually happened to them is obscured in the mists of the past. In these cases I have allowed myself as much liberty as if the facts were entirely of my own invention, but in all cases adhering to the probabilities."

"I claim," Mr. Crauford adds, "that no novel has hitherto had this merit—if merit it be. Well, merit it certainly is not, and, equally certainly, this is not a novel at all. It is a biography gone wrong. It is a magnificent chance missed; but so rich in episode, so closely linked with the common lives of men and women is the story that Mr. Crauford has to tell, and so deeply does he himself feel about

his subject, that a magnificently readable book remains, and anybody interested in the story of the British stage should on no account miss "Sam and Sallie."

For what Mr. Crauford has done is tell the story of the famous old Britannia Theatre at Hoxton, founded by Samuel Lane and adorned by the talent of his wife, Mrs. Sara Lane, the "Sallie" of the title. W. R. Crauford, an actor at the Britannia, eloped with Sallie's young sister. They had a son, A. L. Crauford, and, though we are not told so, we may assume, so deep is his knowledge of the family's affairs, that that A. L. Crauford is the writer of this book.

The History Of The "Old Brit."

The tale of the Britannia is a great romance—a financial romance, to begin with; for when Mrs. Lane died in 1899 she left £126,000, a considerable fortune to have come out of a theatre whose dearest seat cost 2s. and whose prices were graded down from that to 3d. "Not one penny was gained outside," says Mr. Crauford, "or by any other speculation."

A romance, too, of dreams come true. Samuel Lane was the son of a Devonshire fisherman. He tramped to London, threw in his lot with a theatrical company playing in a Shoreditch public-house, married his master's daughter, inherited his small fortune, and set his heart on giving the East End the sort of drama he thought they wanted.

It was after he had started with a company at the Britannia tavern in Hoxton that Sallie, twenty years his junior, joined the company. She was Lane's second wife.

The book traces in great detail the story of the Britannia's rise from a saloon behind the public-house to a magnificent theatre that could hold nearly 5000 people.

There are some grand touches in the story: the "dramatist" who was on the staff at £2 a week, under contract to produce a three-act play every fortnight; the leading actor who, a few minutes before the curtain was due to go up, was found drunk in the streets of Hoxton, flourishing a haddock.

The Britannia played a great part in the life of Hoxton, and no small part in the story of the British stage. Lily Elsie, Marie Lloyd, Chirgwin, Charles Coburn, Ada Reeve, even the Tichborne claimant walked its boards, and Blondin looked down on them.

Fact Or Fiction?

Sallie kept up the theatre's warm-hearted tradition long after her husband was dead. Driving in a brougham from her St. John's Wood mansion, she played a boy's part in black tights part in age of 76. Fittingly, she was buried from the theatre. Hoxton turned out and mourned as for the passing of a loved friend. And now the Britannia is a picture theatre.

What is so annoying is that here and there you wonder whether you are reading fact or fiction. I wish Mr. Crauford had stuck to the sufficiently remarkable and romantic truth. It would be almost worth while for him to re-write the book in order to give us a reliable memorial of a unique institution. Even as it is, the book is packed with delicious reading for anyone who cares for the old days of rant and gauntlet. A little skipping here and there, and you will enjoy this re-creation of a remarkable adventure.

This is the time of year when the pulse of the publishing world is at its feebler. Look for a while at the book trade, which will make themselves felt next week. But now there is little to report save a slow expiring sigh.

GRETA GARBO AND THE POET

Lonely Lives Of World Known People

A VERY BRIGHT BOOK

A Gallery of Women. By J. W. Drawbell. (Collins, 12s. 6d.) They live austere, lonely lives, most of these women whose names are international currency. There was Greta Garbo, for instance. Returning from America, Mr. Drawbell tells us, she met a young poet one morning at 7 on the boat deck. They played shuffleboard together then and every day afterwards.

The other passengers wondered what they talked about. When one more inquisitive than the rest actually asked P. (as the hero of this little romance is designated by Mr. Drawbell), he replied with a deserved snub that his friendship with the screen star was too sacred for public discussion. The poor young man, in fact, was rather badly hit.

"Two or three days before the voyage ended P. wrote a poem which he handed to her on the night of the captain's dinner. It was quite a good poem. The theme of it, of course, was Garbo. It pictured her looking out over the sea and realising its loneliness. In one verse it showed her gloomily meditating upon life and realising that she was lonely also. The copy that P. gave to Greta Garbo was his only one. He did not make a duplicate. He felt it belonged to Garbo alone. So the rash poet who kept no copy of his verses "probably got to know Garbo better than anyone had ever done since she left Sweden."

A hard life. It seems the harder when Vicki Baum, another in Mr. Drawbell's gallery, tells him that "fame does not really mean much" as she enlarges upon success and happiness and the difficulties before the woman who would secure both. Others in Mr. Drawbell's book hold much the same views. Miss Eileen Bennett, a self-declared idealist, believes that the important thing in life is companionship.

"That's what counts. The rest doesn't matter. I'd rather go to a snack bar with someone I like than to the Ritz with someone I don't." In any case Mr. Drawbell can be relied upon to discover the romantic strain that somewhere or other runs through the characters in this very bright book.

PATRICK MacGILL AGAIN.

Popular Seller Predicted.

Although it is now some time since Patrick MacGill, the famous navy-poet, published his last novel and although the public memory is reputedly short, an announcement of a new book by this author will not fail to arouse interest.

In "Tulliver's Mill" there are many passages of the great charm and beauty, the same sympathetic insight into human nature, that were so marked in his earlier works. Patrick MacGill with his quiet, sincere manner of story-telling is going to be a very popular seller.

PRESENTATION TO PUBLISHER.

Unique Event In Book Trade.

For the first time in the history of the book trade—at least within memory—London's printers, paper-makers, and binders combined to make a presentation to a publisher. The publisher is Mr. Francis Maynard, of the Nonpareil Press, and the presentation was made by Mr. Stanley Morrison, recently in the little Russell Street home of the First Edition Club, where Mr. Maynard declared open an exhibition of his first 10 years' work of his distinguished press. From the original types of the first edition of "The Pilgrim's Progress" to the last volume of which has just appeared.

EDWIN DROOD IN MODERN DRESS

Mr. Bruce Graeme's Unique Book.

Mr. Bruce Graeme has had a most ingenious idea for his new book, "Edgewood." He takes the mystery of "Edwin Drood" as Dickens left it, and proceeds to apply the methods of the modern detective novel to the data, thus differing completely from all the other attempted continuations of his famous puzzle.

The result is happy. Mr. Graeme very sensibly does not attempt the Dickensian style, though the novelist's own creations speak sufficiently in character. The opening chapter or two are perhaps a little forced, but their object is to allow the author to bring his own pet detective into a story which lies in the year 1857, and that in itself was something of a problem to solve. Mr. Graeme has studied his original very closely, and though one must not give away his solution it is permissible to say that he has made clever use of Durdles, the stonemason. He has to invent a few facts of his own, but they are perfectly plausible ones.

The book would have been very readable without the added interest of Dickens's story; with that, it is doubly attractive.

WELLS BOOK THAT MAY BE FILMED.

"The Shape Of Things To Come."

Mr. H. G. Wells, who has long been interested in film production, and once wrote a book in scenario form, has been discussing with Mr. Alexander Korda, managing director of London Film Productions, the possibility of filming his new book, "The Shape of Things to Come."

"Obviously it would be difficult to adapt to the screen, and as yet we have done no more than talk about the ideas," Mr. Korda said. "We have not even decided whether the film, if it is made, should be cast in the form of fiction."

Mr. Korda is the brilliant Hungarian who directed "The Private Life of Henry VIII."

GRIM STORY OF THE ARCTIC.

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CURIO MERCHANT'S SKETCHES.

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"The Curio Shop" is not really a novel. It is a series of little sketches hung upon a rather slender thread: the person of one Bainton, who keeps the shop in question. Bainton himself is a colourless figure, but there are some good characters in the book, though drawn with a very light pencil.

The little sketches are uneven. Some are precious, not to say affected, and there is rather too much slightly self-conscious talk of "beauty" and obvious seeking after the fresh word, such as "virility," as applied to a woman when only "vitality" is meant.

But it is all very readable, and will appeal to those who like careful, obviously sincere work.

colossal task of fitting a new propper to the Aurora single-handed. In the effort his courage and confidence are re-created, and his battle against the ice is won.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

The Chinese Y.M.C.A. are holding an open-house programme tomorrow, from 1 p.m. until 9 p.m., for old friends, supporters and members.

Postponed from last Saturday, the monthly subscription dance of the V.R.C. in aid of funds for new rowing fours, will be held tomorrow night at the Club at 9.30.

The Hong Kong Chinese Choral Society, embracing 80 members, has been formed with the assistance of the Y.M. and Y.W.C.A.s. Mr. J. A. Miller, L.R.A.M., is the director.

A dramatic entertainment with three short plays will be given at the Helena May Institute on Thursday, March 15, at 5.30 p.m. Those wishing to have tea must reserve tables from Matron, 22160.

A man, aged 76 years, was fined \$3 or three days without hard labour by Mr. Balfour in the Central Police Court yesterday, on a charge of begging in Queen's Road Central. He is to be sent back to the country.

Wu Hoi, unemployed, charged before Mr. Hamilton, at the Central Magistracy yesterday, with possession of a quantity of dry wood at Hill Road near Pokfulam Road, was fined \$50 or six weeks' imprisonment. He admitted two previous convictions for similar offences.

Luk Chan, of 167 Tai Nam Street, Kowloon, was taken to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday, after being knocked down by an unknown lorry while riding a bicycle in Tai Po Road. He received face and chest injuries.

The reorganisation of the Seventh Route Army, formerly the 19th Route Army, by Gen. Wei Li-huang, has been completed. The new army, which is now in Honan undergoing rigid military training has four divisions and each division three regiments.

The case in which Wong Shu, a shopkeeper of No. 161 Temple Street, was charged with exporting raw opium and non-Government prepared opium to Singapore, was again mentioned at the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. Wynne-Jones yesterday. Appearing for the prosecution, Mr. J. Barrow, of the Import and Export Office, applied for another remand of seven days, which was granted. Mr. M. A. da Silva represented the defendant.

The R.M.S. Empress of Russia arrived at Kobe this morning and will leave to-night for Nagasaki, arriving to-morrow afternoon, and will leave at midnight for Shanghai.

Fok Tsai, an assistant hawker, was remanded for a week, on \$75 bail, when he was charged with threatening injury to another hawker, Wong Tung, before Mr. S. Balfour this morning.

Yip Ken, an aged Chinese woman, was taken to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday, suffering from injuries to legs and arms, sustained when she was knocked down by a bicyclist in Sung Yee Road.

While attempting to close a window, Wong Mock, a Chinese employed at the Yit Lee Glass Factory, fell to the street from the first floor yesterday, and was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from minor injuries.

A fatal motor accident occurred at 5 p.m. on Wednesday in Hennessy Road, when a young Chinese cleaner employed at the Gilman Service Station was knocked down by a Chevrolet car.

Through attempting to commit suicide by jumping into the harbour from a steam launch Mun Tak, Yiu Wing, an unemployed Chinese, was taken to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday suffering from the effects of immersion. He was rescued by two seamen.

The Hong Kong Chun-Sing Commercial Academy will hold its graduation function at the Gloucester Restaurant next Friday, when the 13th and 14th Graduation certificates for "Typewriting, with certificates for the First term of Commerce, will be distributed by Professor R. Robinson, M.A., of the Hong Kong University.

According to an estimate made by the National Relief Commission, altogether fourteen provinces were ravaged by banditry, famines, floods, droughts or other forms of calamities during the last year, a Nanking report from Chinese circles states. The provinces concerned are Chihli, Hunan, Shan-tung, Szechuen, Fujian, Shensi, Honan, Kansu, Shensi, Anhwei, Chekiang, Kiangsu, Kiangsi, and Hapeh. The total number of refugees in these provinces are estimated at 82,000,000 persons, while 13,000,000 are in Honan.

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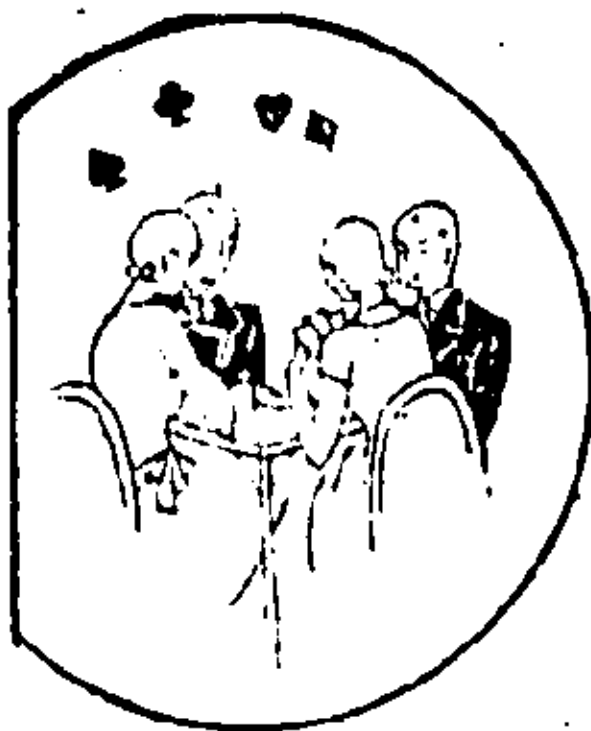
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Democracy's Last Legs.

Events in both London and Paris during the last six weeks must strengthen the impression that parliamentary democracy has failed. It is ceasing to work satisfactorily in the two countries which have had most experience of it, and its breakdown is now hardly to be concealed. In France, parliamentary democracy has brought government to an impasse. Ministry after Ministry has collapsed because of the multitude of groups in the Chamber. In Great Britain democracy entered the twilight two years ago. British demagogues all but ran the ship of State on the rocks in 1931, and the country was only saved at the last minute by the formation of the National Government. But now this very National Government has lost its sense of reality, and is bemusing itself with attempts to force disarmament upon Europe. It ought to be taking such steps as would give Great Britain that security from foreign attack which she has lost through the progress of aviation. It is impossible to deny that the regimes in power in Rome and Berlin find their justification in what is happening in London and Paris. In both Rome and Berlin totalitarian Administration are in authority, and these act swiftly, economically, and decisively. In London words reign, accompanied by waste and delay. The two debates on Disarmament and National Defence have yielded nothing but futile orations and confused excuses from the politicians. Before Europe could disarm as the British Government wants, Great Britain would have to undertake vast and indefinite liabilities in the direction of armed intervention against any Power that transgresses the limitations which are to be placed on its forces. But for these vast liabilities on the Continent Great Britain is totally unprepared. There is even some reason to believe, in the light of certain figures given in the House of Commons by a Socialist, that by next May Germany will have a very marked superiority in aircraft to Britain. No steps have been taken to meet this grave state of affairs, though Sir John Simon gave a vague promise that at some future date Britain may strengthen her armaments. The attempt to obtain a clear and definite pledge from the Government on this subject failed. The country is continually overrun with the promise that nothing can be done while the Disarmament Conference is sitting. But this is

sheer nonsense, as the United States, Japan, France, Russia, Italy, and even Switzerland and Belgium are all fast expanding their air forces in spite of the conference. In Paris we see the uprising of an indignant middle-class, supported by a strong working-class element, against a Radical-Socialist Government. The demonstrators were bitter because after they had been called upon to bear what is for them unusually heavy taxation, they found that their country was not one whit the better for their sacrifices. Their indignation against the politicians was deepened by their belief that what is known in the United States as "graft" prevails in parliamentary quarters. They therefore proceeded to tactics which, in moments of great popular excitement, have been traditional in France since the Fronde. They triumphed, for M. Daladier resigned, and efforts are now being made under M. Doumergue to cleanse the parliamentary stables. But deep in the minds of a growing multitude of Frenchmen is the feeling that democracy is becoming a danger to the State.

"Planning" St. James's

It may be assumed that no objection will be offered by the Ministry of Health to the application of a "town-planning" scheme to the fourteen acres lying between St. James's-street and the Green Park, London. That is eminently an area which requires to be safeguarded against haphazard and piecemeal development, and the Commissioners of Crown Lands and the London County Council, acting in conjunction, have done well to take time by the forelock. It is not only that the long and beautiful Green Park frontage requires to be protected with jealous care, but the "gentle eminence" of St. James's-street, as Disraeli once described it, and the vista closed by St. James's Palace are among the most attractive features of the West-end. What the fate will be of the town houses and mansions whose windows face the setting sun over the Green Park we will not speculate. By whatever buildings they may be replaced it is certain that it will not be by mansions such as Spencer House and Warwick House. The day for building large town houses on the grand scale is gone by. If blocks are to go up on their sites, it is most desirable that they should be subject to plan, and such a plan has now been drawn up. There will be the liveliest sympathy to see it, and to know whether it provides for the "conservation" of the architectural features of the West-end, and whether it allows for the eventual extension of the

HERE, THERE, — EVERYWHERE

Stained Glass Secrets

Specimens of the stained glass work of the late Mr. Frank Barber have been placed in the Victoria and Albert Museum. This is a very rare honour. He was a brilliant young artist, but the claim that he discovered the secret of the lost art of the ancient craftsmen is one that he would have been the last to make.

That secret was recaptured many years ago, largely by Powell of Blackfriars, and Chance of Birmingham.

"In the sense that the process is jealously guarded by the few who understand it," one of the leading stained-glass artists said recently, "it is still a secret. In the bad period—about 1800 to 1870—they finished enamelling on glass, with poor results. The old glass was permanent, the colour going right through. This is done to-day by those who know how to do it."

Rivival Of Pedestrianism

Another undergraduate has been walking from Cambridge to London for money. But Mr. Whitney Straight is not the universal uncle on this occasion, as he was recently. This kind of thing flourished before the war. In one bet at Oxford, the acceptor of the challenge had to attend Christ Church Chapel, which finished at 6 p.m., bicycle up to London (54 miles) and catch the 9.34 back.

He did it with five minutes to spare; but he had to wear shorts underneath his more decorous church-going clothes.

His tyre went flat, and he had to run the last mile and a half to Paddington.

Your Daily Smile.

Summed Up

The minister was having a rest from his duties, and the pulpit was filled by a stranger. Asked for his opinion of the sermon, the beadle, Wulfe, McIntyre, said: "In the first place, it was read. In the second, it wasn't worth reading. In the third, it wasn't worth reading."

Misunderstood

Salesman—Madam, this fire-extinguisher is guaranteed to give you service for 50 years.

Elderly Woman—But I shan't be here all that time.

Salesman (misunderstanding her meaning)—Oh, but you can take it with you when you go!

Well-Known Name

Publisher (to struggling author)—Your work is quite good, and has style, but my firm is interested only in the work of writers with well-known names.

Author (delightedly)—Splendid! We can come to terms. My name's Smith, you know."

Tactless

The party was at its height, but an elderly woman sat near the door looking very glum.

"What's made her so solemn?" asked a guest.

"Well," said the host, "she's a temperance advocate, and some blundering idiot told her that her smiles were perfectly intoxicating."

Facts You Did Not Know.

Twice daily airplane service in each direction has been established between Belfast and Glasgow.

The use of crude rubber throughout the world in the first six months this year increased five per cent. in comparison with the similar period last year.

Germany has become the world's largest exporter of prepared medicines, exceeding the business of the United States along that line for the last few years.

Street straight down through Park place to Cleveland-square. The latter would supply a new thoroughfare parallel to St. James's-street. It would be the axis of the new development of the West-end, and would give the city a new square of the type of the old squares of the West-end.

POWDER MAGAZINE OF EUROPE BRITAIN LACKING A FOREIGN POLICY MUDDLING INTO ANOTHER WAR?

(By Viscount Snowden.)

London.
We muddled into the Crimean War. We muddled into the Great War. Is the National Government muddling us into a Greater War? Everybody agrees that the situation in Europe is critical. It is not perilous. People are talking and writing about the "next" war as though it were a certainty. Nobody believes that peace is secure. On general principles war-talk is to be deprecated. It only aggravates a dangerous situation. It intensifies fears. It necessarily leads to increased preparations for war defence. It helps to bring about the very thing it deprecates.

But it is no use refusing to face facts. And the facts are that a war vaster and more terrible than the Great War has become something more than a possibility. All Europe has become a huge powder magazine, and at any moment a spark may cause an unparalleled explosion.

Modern wars have almost always been precipitated by some trivial and unexpected incident. The Crimean War arose out of a question of the status of the Greek Church in Turkey. We went to war on the side of Turkey after she had rejected a settlement which this country had pressed upon her. The murder of an Austrian Archduke started the Great War, which ultimately involved the greater part of the world.

Mr. Lloyd George has told us that a study of the papers relating to the Great War has convinced him that nobody wanted war. Sir Austen Chamberlain has said that we just muddled into it.

The nations of the world are now so bound up in alliances and exclusive understandings that a war cannot be confined within narrow limits. The peace of the world is at the mercy of any one irresponsible State or foolish "statesman."

And what is the British Government doing about it all? Time was when this country was looked to for a lead on all grave matters of international importance. That is not true to-day. It ought to be true, and it might be true. On half a dozen occasions in the last decade a clear and determined lead from Britain would have saved a situation which, lacking it, has led to disaster.

The record of the "National" Government in foreign affairs during the last two years is a tragic one.

This Government through a weak and indecisive policy is in a considerable measure responsible for the pitiable failure of the Disarmament Conference. Sir John Simon, by playing the cards given to him by France, drove Germany from that Conference and from the League of Nations. That action has greatly aggravated the German menace to the peace of Europe.

The British Government is always protesting its belief and faith in the League of Nations. Its cowardly acquiescence in the surrender to Japan, when she defied the League and repudiated her obligations under the pact, and treaties to which she had subscribed, has inflicted a severe blow to the public confidence in collective security.

Foreign Policy

"All Europe has become a powder magazine, and at any moment a spark may cause an unparalleled explosion," writes Lord Snowden, who asks, "Has the British Government a foreign policy?" That policy is the special care of Sir John Simon and Captain Anthony Eden. In the last year a million British workers sacrificed their lives and were killed, and a million more were maimed, and yet the British Government has done nothing to prevent it.

Might serve as a basis for discussion. They gave it a second reading, and then considered it to the waste-paper basket. That was the end of it. The British Government has done nothing to prevent it. Have we a foreign policy? We have not. We have a policy of muddling into another war.

gent person outside politics, if asked that question, give a clear and simple answer? Could any person inside politics give an answer? To judge from the speeches of the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary, I should say not.

Instead of clearly and firmly in the ears of the whole world declaring where we stand and what we are prepared to do and to insist upon, our "statesmen" run about Europe asking the rulers of other countries what they would like us to do.

For the past thirty years Britain has not had a foreign policy of her own. In all these years the foreign policy of Britain has been dictated by France. The British Foreign Office has been an annexe of the Quai d'Orsay.

It was this policy which led us into the Great War. It is this policy which to-day paralyses British action. All this is intensely galling and humiliating to those who want to see Britain assert herself in the Councils of the Nations. She is in a position beyond all other nations to insist upon her demands.

Other countries have little to give us. We have everything to give them. We gave them a million British lives in the war and a thousand millions of money in a conflict in which, as Mr. Balfour said, no British interest was directly involved. And very little gratitude we have got for it.

But these things are of the past. The lesson to be learnt from them is that we must see to it that our policy, or lack of policy, does not lead us into a greater disaster. Britain is now openly committed under the Locarno Treaty to take part in a war between two Great Powers in certain circumstances. This commitment puts us in a strong position to insist that these Continental Powers shall pursue a peace policy and shall remove all causes of friction likely to provoke war.

"Drift" Policy Results

The condition of Britain's acceptance of the serious obligations under the Locarno Treaty is that in the meantime, the heavily armed Powers would undertake a large measure of disarmament. This condition has not been fulfilled, and we should be morally justified in withdrawing from our undertaking.

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LOCAL EXAMINATION RESULTS.

Six Successful In Accounting Test.

The local examination representative, Mr. H. K. Yew, F.C.I., has received a notification from the Institute of Bookkeepers, London, of the result of an accounting examination held on December 6 at their local centre, the Commercial Institute, 16, Shelly Street.

The results are as follows:—Stage II (Associate):—Chu Kar Chun (1st Class), Miss Shui Mee (2nd Class), Leung Kam Chee (2nd Class), Chan Lo Chai (2nd Class). Stage I (Elementary):—Miss Wong Tui Ping, Li Yee Ning. The next local examination will be on June 6, while the examinations conducted by the Institute of Commerce, England, will fall on Sunday, March 18.

PIRATES' HAUL OF \$1,000.

Chinese Junk Attacked.

A Chinese junk the Sheng Hui, on her way from Sun Man to Hong Kong, was pirated on Wednesday night, cargo and personal belongings of the crew to the value of \$1,000 being taken. At about 8 p.m. on Wednesday, while the junk was anchored in the waters of the New Kowloon, a Chinese sailing craft, the Sheng Hui, was attacked by a group of pirates. The pirates fired a volley of shots, and the crew fled. The pirates then looted the junk, taking away the cargo and personal belongings of the crew to the value of \$1,000. The pirates then set the junk on fire, and it was burned to the water. The pirates then fled in their launch.

Hospital Facilities In Kowloon

President's Concern Expressed At K.R.A. Meeting

YEAR OF PROGRESS REPORTED

Concern regarding the work in connection with the Central British School and hospital facilities in Kowloon was voiced by Mr. C. E. Terry, President, at the annual meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association in the St. Andrew's Church Hall last night. Mr. Terry commended the advance in postal services and mentioned the hope that the Government would proceed no further with regard to the felling of the trees in Nathan Road.

Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, Jr., former Vice-President, was elected President of the Association and Mr. H. F. Bunje, Vice-President.

Mr. Terry addressed the meeting as follows:

With your permission, I will follow the usual procedure and take the Report and Accounts for 1933 as read, as they have been in your hands for the prescribed period.

I do not propose to enlarge upon the work of the past year; the unwritten motto of this Association has always been "By our work shall we know us" and I am content to leave it at that. Some developments since the publication of the Report however are worthy of comment.

Of paramount importance is the Central British School; I am glad to be able to state that the additional ground asked for by this Association to be definitely set aside for Playing Grounds for the School has now been earmarked for this purpose. We are informed that an area comprising 13 acres in all has been allotted; a certain percentage of this acreage will be taken up in grading, slopes, etc., the resultant extra playing field accommodation will be slightly in excess of the minimum requirements as recommended in our submissions to Government.

Waiting For School!
This, I think you will agree, is most satisfactory; the mere allocation of this ground however is not enough—we are still waiting for the School! On the confirmation of the decision of Government to erect a Mental Hospital on the site originally prepared for the School, and on which by this time the school itself should have been well towards completion, we could only request that work on the preparation of the new site should be expedited, in the hope that the School itself would come into being within a reasonable time.

So far, while the original prepared site stands idle and unoccupied, the new site is still in the throes of "preparation". Preparation for what it is difficult to tell from inspection-work thereon is in progress, but at the present rate of progression I should think be optimistic if I hoped that my grandchildren might one day be educated at the new Central British School! It must not be forgotten that this is not a matter that concerns Kowloon alone; the only secondary school in the Colony for British children is the Central British School, and in view of the other commodious and modern school buildings which exist in the Colony, it is deplorable that the children of British residents should have to be still content with the heterogeneous collection of wooden shacks and inadequate buildings in Nathan Road.

We had hoped last year that we were in sight of the goal for which we have been striving for years, but now appear to be still far removed from the fulfilment of our hopes. Unnecessary dilatoriness in proceeding with the provision of this essential base for the training of our future citizens cannot but react adversely on that end for which we are all striving, that is the well being of the Colony in general and Kowloon in particular.

Hospital Facilities.
Our Hospital Facilities continue to give us cause for concern; provision has been made in the 1934 Estimates for an extension of the Out Patients' Department of the Kowloon Hospital, and a contract has been let for alterations in this connection. Here again it is a case of "so far, so good"—the actual Hospital Accommodation however has been left to be tackled by the Government. I had hoped to be able to

report at this meeting that the first child had been born in the Maternity Block of the Kowloon Hospital; this block, however, is still not available for the purpose for which it was built.

The new block of Nurses' Quarters, although completed, has not yet been taken over; the other new block known as "C" block, while completed some time ago, has only recently been taken into use. The urgent need (one might almost call it a "crying" need) for maternity facilities in Kowloon is too evident to need further stress; it should be totally unnecessary for expectant mothers to be faced with the journey to Hong Kong, and the long overdue provision of these facilities at the Kowloon Hospital should not be further delayed.

Postal Service Improvement
A remarkable improvement in the Kowloon Postal Services has been effected in the past two years.

NEW ELECTIONS

The following elections were made for the coming year:
President—Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro Jr.
Vice-President—Mr. H. F. Bunje.
Hon. Secretary—Mr. C. M. Hall.
Hon. Treasurer—Mr. R. P. Phillips.

General Committee—Messrs. F. C. Mow Fung, C. M. Manners, R. Panton, W. Goldenberg, Li Chor-chi, B. Wylie, T. B. Wilson, H. F. Un, C. E. Terry, E. Kern, Lam Ming-ling, I. N. Murray, W. J. Ratley, Capt. R. Henderson, Dr. R. A. Castro, Rev. E. L. Allen and Lt. Col. E. D. Matthews.

largely due to the efforts of individual Post Masters General. Provision has now been made for the erection of a temporary Post Office Building in place of the anachronism which at present serves as our main Post Office; it is to be hoped that the erection of this building will not unduly delay the provision of a permanent building commensurate with Kowloon's growth and needs.

Street Lighting
Turning to the important subject of Street Lighting, you will have noted that two experimental gaseous discharge lamps were erected in Kowloon, one outside the Alhambra Theatre and one at the intersection of Nathan and Jordan Roads.

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FORGERY CASE REMANDED.

Shareholder & Director Causes Suspicion.

Pleading not guilty to a charge of forgery, Leung Kwok-ai was remanded until March 20, on \$1,000 bail, when he appeared at the Central Magistracy, before Mr. S. Balfour this morning. Mr. Hin-shing Lo appeared for defendant, and Mr. F. E. Nash prosecuted.

Mr. Hin-shing Lo, in an outline of his case, said that defendant was up to the time of his arrest, occupying the position of a shareholder and director in the Company known as the Domestic Engineers Ltd. The manager of the Company became suspicious, and on examination of his accounts, informed the police, who subsequently arrested defendant.

Personal Par

Mr. J. D. Thomson, Secretary of the Dairy Farm Company Ltd., accompanied by Mrs. Thomson and family, will leave for the U.S. General Sherman tomorrow as home leave.

To Be Envy!



Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, well-known society leader of New York and Washington, whose slated appointment as U. S. Minister to one of the European countries was rumoured in the national capital.

CAR OWNER PAYS COMPENSATION.

Cancellation Of Licence Broached.

Summoned for driving his motor-cycle without due care or caution on February 10, Chan Hay again appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton this morning, and was severely cautioned.

Chan appeared on February 16, and the case was held over sine die, pending settlement of damages between defendant and S/Sgt. Heins, R.A.S.C., whom he knocked over outside the Royal Naval Yard, in Queen's Road East.

Defendant had already paid \$50.00 compensation to Sergeant Heins, and Mr. Hamilton decided to refer the case to the L. G. P. for his decision with regard to the cancellation of Chan's driving licence.

LOTTERY TICKETS STRAPPED TO LEG.

Chinese Woman Fined.

Charged with being in possession of 871 "po pin" lottery tickets, valued at \$504.80, Au Fook, a Chinese woman, was fined \$500, in default three months' imprisonment, by Mr. S. Balfour at the Central Magistracy this morning.

When arrested in Wyndham Street, defendant had the tickets strapped to her leg. The tickets were confiscated.

To-day's Short Story.

OBLIVION

By Helena
Lefroy Caperton.

SLEEPING with quakerish daintiness, the dappled grey mare bore its lovely burden beneath the creamy blossoms of the flowering locusts. Honey-suckle in full bloom mingled its own incense. Upon either side the dark cedars stood, making a cloistered aisle. Cardinals and mockingbirds sang a nuptial anthem from the hedgerow. Of wedding pomp and circumstance Nature contributed her utmost, for the girl and the young Confederate Colonel had within the hour been made man and wife. Secretly and sweetly, between battles they had plighted their troth.

The young Colonel walked beside his horse, his hand on the bride. His face was raised to the girl's, and hers bent down to his, the while her curls fell over her shining eyes and the frankness of her kisses set him to trembling.

"I wish it were over, and that your family knew. I am afraid of your mother."

"My mother will love you. You will be a daughter to her, and a comfort, while my father and I are away fighting. Have no fear, dear heart."

"Your mother is such a great lady, and I, you know what she would call me. . . . poor white. . . ."

"Hush, O' hush. Let us not think of that. We have so little time. I must return within the hour. O, Annabelle, my love, my wife, give me added life to carry into battle."

Reaching up he drew her down beside him, holding her in an interminable kiss. One arm about her waist, and the other through the horse's bridle, they turned aside from the road, and taking down a section of the old worn fence, they passed into the shade of the old worn fence, they passed into the shade of pine and live oak.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Yeung Laid To Rest To-day.

The funeral of Mrs. Yeung, widow of the late Mr. Yeung, of 252 Wanchai Road, took place this afternoon. The funeral procession left the deceased's residence at 1.30 p.m., and passed along Queen's Road to the Chinese Permanent Cemetery, West Point.

Sir Philip Sassoon On Air Estimates

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Reviewing the considerations which had guided the Government in framing the estimates, Sir Philip Sassoon said, that, firstly, the pressing need for economy still persisted, and that secondly, the world had reached a critical point of extreme delicacy in the matter of Disarmament.

He added that he did not need to enlarge upon the perils and misfortunes which would inevitably follow from uncontrolled competition development in the air. They were present in the minds of every member, and were terrible to contemplate.

Throughout all the discussions on the subject, the British Government had been foremost in advocating general Disarmament in the air to the lowest level on which an international agreement could be secured. They had put forward definite proposals to that end, and had, in fact, followed a policy of studious moderation in air armaments for over 15 years.

FOREIGN POWERS ADVANCE

Far from accepting these proposals, and farther yet from following their example, other nations had steadily increased the strength of their air arms until they far outnumbered those of Great Britain.

In those circumstances, the Government felt it impossible for Britain to continue to hold in abeyance the 10-year-old programme of 1923. They could not afford to accept the position of continuing inferiority.

They had made it plain that Britain would not long so remain. In the future, they would be ready to meet any challenge that might be made by any other nation.

done their belief in the advantages of general air Disarmament. They had recently submitted to the principal European air Powers a Disarmament memorandum which would have the effect of stabilising the leading air forces of the world on a parity basis at a figure which would involve substantial reductions in all the principal air forces, including that of Great Britain.

GOVERNMENT'S STAND

The Government stood by that memorandum, and would use all the arguments and influence they could command to persuade other nations to adopt it, or some scheme framed on similar lines.

Reviewing the service developments of the past year, Sir Philip Sassoon mentioned that one squadron had been operating upon petrol produced from British coal by a low temperature carbonisation process. As the result had been so satisfactory, it had been decided to accept coal petrol as the normal supply. It was expected that sufficient British-produced fuel would be available in the coming year for seven squadrons.

CIVIL AVIATION PROGRESS

Dealing with civil aviation, he said that an entirely new project for which £10,000 was provided in the estimates, was a weekly service between New York and Bermuda, in which the Imperial Airways and American Intercontinental would co-operate.

This might prove to be the first link in a trans-Atlantic service, though it was only a preliminary step. It was hoped that this would lead to a more direct service between the United Kingdom and America, and that this would be a step towards a more direct service between the United Kingdom and America.

The woodland, though it was only high noon, deepened into twilight. A low rumble spread, increased, and died away. It was followed by a silence, as of all sentient wild life struck dumb. The soldier raised himself on an elbow, and listened. Again it came in fuller crescendo, and was redoubled, the woods grew darker. The detonation rolled closer.

The girl turned her face to the sky.

"How strange, a thunder storm, and the sun shining brightly."

"Yes, a thunder storm, we must seek shelter." He knew it to be not the thunder of heaven but of guns.

The vivid intensity of desire vanished from his eyes, and in its stead a clean austerity sharpened every feature. He arose and drew her to her feet.

TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's story will be "The Man Who Knew Better," by J. C. Squire.

Something that whined fled away over their heads, cutting the young green leaves like hail. Another swooped nearer, and with a more vicious keening. With a plunge the horse dropped and rolled over. Through the underbrush figures moved, crouched on hands and knees. Innocent looking puffs of white burst here and there. Upon one side, crept men in grey, some hundred yards distant men in blue. Thicker and faster exploded the puffs of white, more frequent the whining overhead. They were caught between two opposing forces in full battle.

In honour bound he should join these crouching figures in grey, but he must convey her to safety first, then return to his men. Sheltering her with his body, he drew her along.

"You must be brave, my dear love. You must do what I ask of you. It is our only hope."

"I will be brave, as you are brave."

"We must reach the old shot tower. I will hide you there. Can you do this for me?"

They had reached the edge of the wood, there was a field to be crossed. On the far side rose a tower-like structure built of granite. Picking her up, he ran with her across the field. The firing became constant, the rumbling never ceased. At last he set her down before a small iron door. The hinges were rusty, the lock broken and unused. Weeds and brambles grew over the threshold. It took all his strength to pull the door open. Inside was mouldy dusk, save for a tracery of wan light filtering through slits of windows near the roof. Before them an opening in the floor showed a stone-lined hole, damp with moss and the fungi that thrives in darkness. The girl looking down, clung to him shuddering.

Lifting her he lowered her into this pit, some fifteen feet below the ground. Kneeling, he at last let go her hands, as she dropped to her feet. In the darkness her white face shone upward as a star is reflected in deep water.

"I will come back for you when the fighting is over."

"I will wait for you."

Softly and through great fear she answered him, and the words lay up his heart as he went down into battle.

We children thought the world of Uncle Powhatan. The older members of the family regarded him more or less as a responsibility; rather less, for no one took any definite charge of him. When not down in Gloucester, he drifted from one household to another, always kindly treated, but relieved with a sigh as one takes up unwanted family obligations. Happily the dear old man never knew that. He was glad to see his people. It never occurred to him that he might not be welcome.

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OBLIVION

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He measured six feet three in his stocking feet. Even in the faded picture one could discern the brightness of his hair, the fine gallantry of his features.

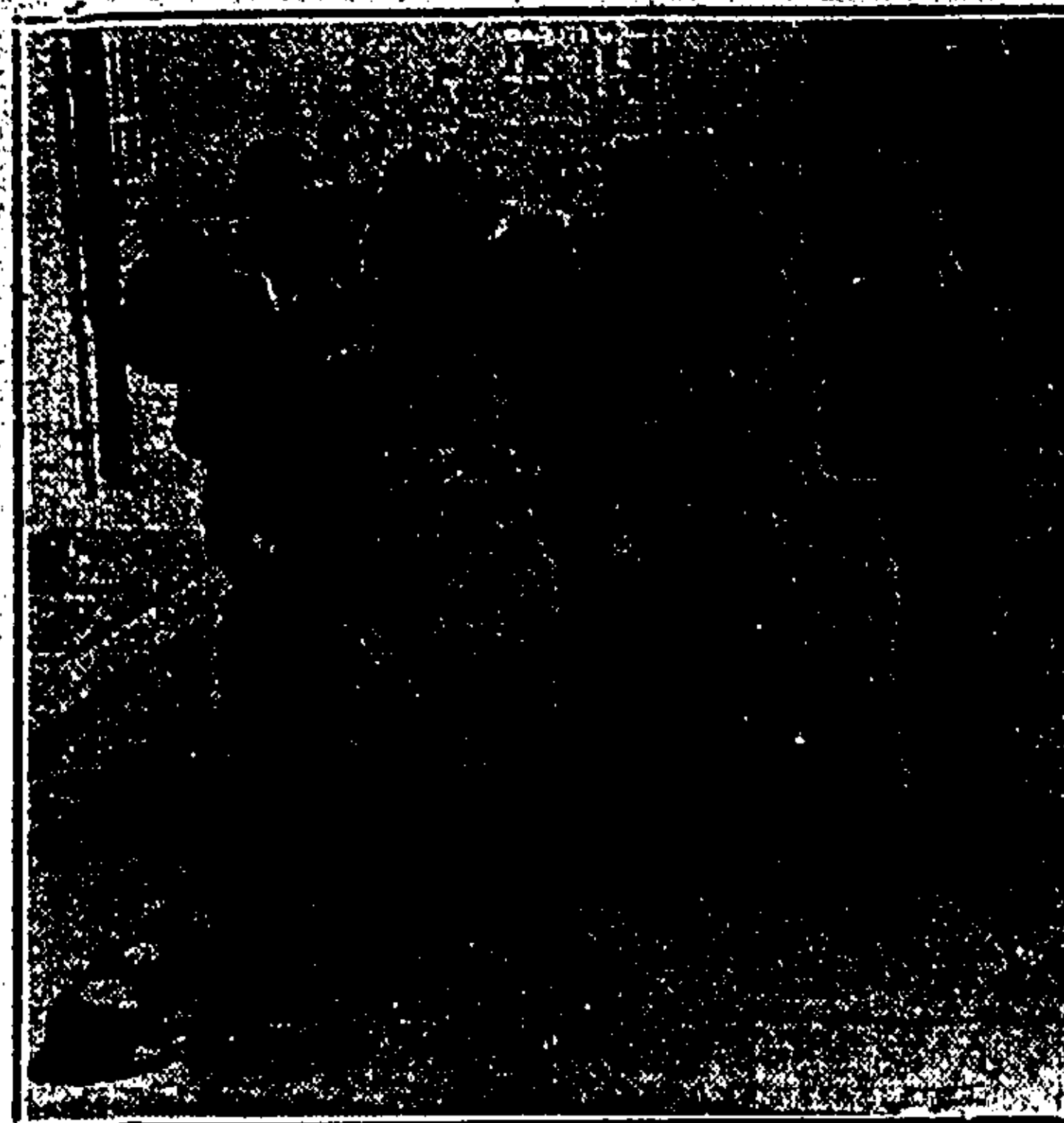
We, the children of the whole large connection, used to be sent for the summer holidays down to the old place, set among the five Gloucester rivers. Nothing could harm us there, were the lawn sloped gently down to the dimpling North River, and we learned to become amphibious, as much at home in the water as on land. There we learned to sail a boat, careening down into Mobjack Bay, over the wide waters of the York, and so on into the Chestneke, where, if you kept on, you would meet the Atlantic Ocean. Up each of the five rivers that form a hand and that are called the Venice of Virginia, we fished and we swam, and always we were safe, because Uncle Powhatan was with us. In spite of his age, his physical strength was colossal.

"Lacking, unfortunate, half-witted," were the epithets more commonly used, but we did not think he lacked. We loved him for his gentle strength, his knowledge of all creatures that flew, or crept, or swam. As babies, and restless with some infantile ill, the old man would walk with us in his arms under the live oaks upon the lawn, until dawn turned the river to silver. Like a not he would be scolded for it, much to his mystification. All he knew was that if a youngling mourned it should be comforted.

We were thoughtless, of course, and we paid little attention to what had happened to Uncle Powhatan, or how he came to be as he was. We learned much later that the stately house with its Ionic columns was his birthplace. He'd been born and raised there. The oldest of us could remember Great-Great Aunt Victoria, who had been Uncle Pow's mother. Before the war, which, of course, means the war between the States, she had been mistress of the mansion and ruler over hundreds of slaves. Her portrait as a young woman was all laughing beauty, but we could only remember her as a stern old woman, worn with poverty and loss. Her men went to war when her son was eighteen and her husband less than forty. The latter she never saw alive again. Her son was brought back to her with a wound in his head. He became healed in body, but not in mind, because for ever after he could remember nothing. He could recall what happened from day to day and make himself quite useful, but of what had taken place in his life before the battle in which he had been wounded he could remember nothing.

For years after the war his mother lived God alone knows how. The family used to say, "Great Aunt Victoria doesn't know Lee has surrendered." The great place was supine under mortgages, but she never sold a portrait or a piece of silver. Dealers came and went, going down upon their knees for

The Austrian-German Borderline



Klefersfelden, Austria. With the city of Vienna and, indeed, the entire country of Austria roused to a nervous tension following the rumored German Nazi coup, the attention of the world is focused on the borderline between Germany and Austria, where the anticipated trouble would of necessity begin. Before departing for the daily guard duty on the borderline, Austrian troops are supplied with ammunition to guard against any possible trouble.

the treasures standing desolate in the closed rooms. Then her sister's son persuaded her to allow him to free the old place and restore it to its former glory. The clever architect had the brains to listen to her, but the interior decorators she cast into outer darkness. The landscape gardeners worked under her whip-like orders, for she remembered where every box hedge had grown, where every bleeding heart had wept in the old garden.

She enjoyed her restored comforts for a short time only before she died, and she ceased to breathe asking a favour for the first time in her indomitable life. She died begging that we take care of Powhatan. She was buried in the family burying-ground. The Abbey beneath the Cedars she had always called it, and a place was saved beside her for her son.

Of the nephews and nieces to follow Uncle Powhatan, as the children of Hamelin town followed the Pied Piper, there was one of us who was closer, whom he seemed to love above all the others. When the summer holidays began, and in automobile loads we debouched upon the lawn, although he was delighted to see us, it was to Oliver he first disclosed the happy secrets of woodland and river. Where the fish-hawks had built their nest this year, and where the largest stone crabs for bait could be found.

Oliver, himself, was an enigma to us, for he did strange things. He cut up live frogs and guinea pigs, chipmunks and rabbits!

He had what he called his laboratory in the old smoke house, and once we peeped in the window and were frozen with horror to see a rabbit strapped down upon a board. It was alive, because we could see its nose and whiskers wink, and Oliver with infinite delicacy, and flashing spapel was vivisectioning it. We broke down the door and were met by a strange sweet odour, our first smell of chloroform. Oliver, said the rabbit didn't know what was happening to it, and allowed us to remain and see its live beating heart and all its insides. It was fascinating until one of the girls had to go and faint. From then on we went in awe of Oliver.

And so the years passed, and we went out into the world to become successful or otherwise, but whichever way life treated us, the old place and the old man received us back in gentleness and peace.

Oliver became a surgeon. He became, in fact, one of the world's famous brain specialists. Noon after his graduation he went to Vienna, for there a miracle had been discovered by which dark minds could be made to function into light. He went over and he stayed a year, and when he came back, instead of partaking of the welcome awaiting a distinguished son, he kept right on down to Gloucester to see Uncle Powhatan. There, he remained, fishing and hunting with the old man, and keeping him under observation.

Then, he brought him up to Richmond and horrified the family by announcing the intention of operating on his head. He said, "I've discovered that Uncle Powhatan has a brain tumour, and I must remove it, or he will die." They all agreed that he was right, but they all agreed that he was wrong.

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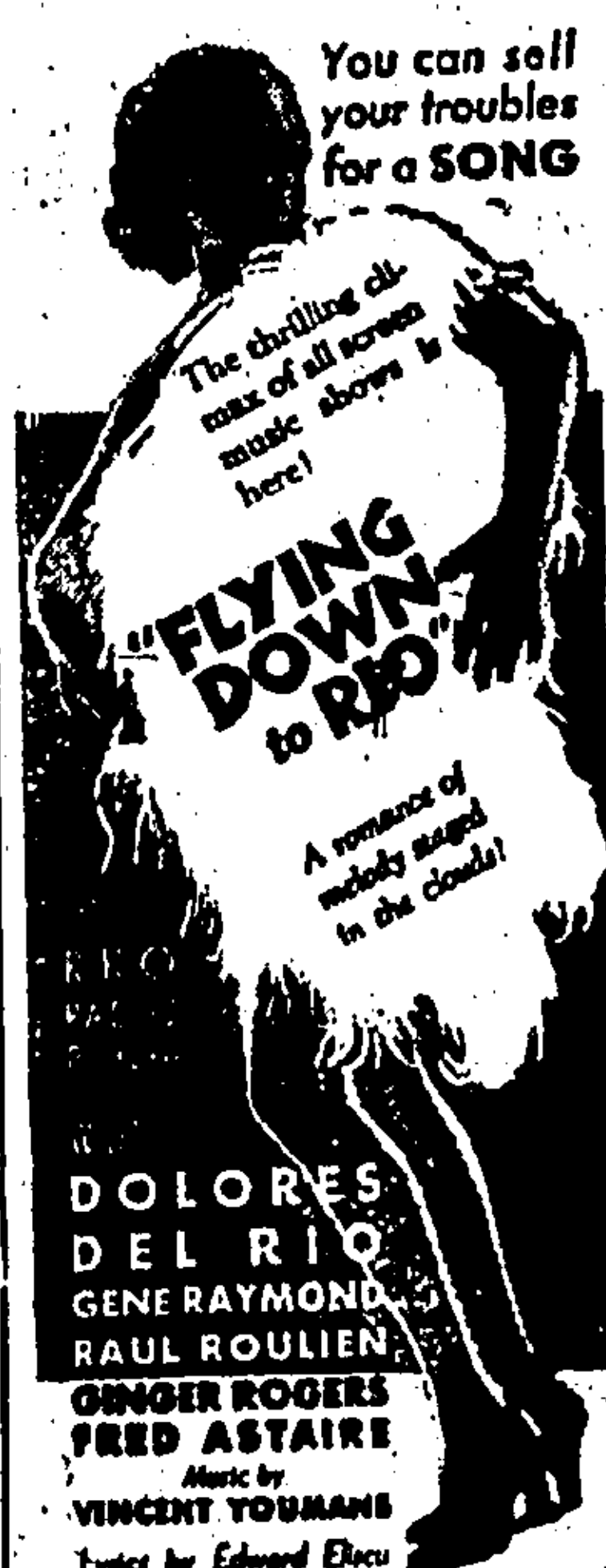
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The United States Treasury Secretary, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, yesterday declared that Professor Jacob Viner, the well-known Chicago economist, is not acting in any capacity for the American Treasury during his trip to Europe.—Reuter.

Professor Viner's visit to Europe is believed to have given rise to fresh rumours that an informal understanding between Great Britain and the United States has been reached to keep the pound and dollar stable.

Little importance, however, is attached to the recrudescence of the rumours.

CHIEF SCOUT MAKES GOOD PROGRESS.

Leaves Hospital.

London, To-day.
Lord Baden Powell, the Chief Scout, is making good progress after his recent operations, and was yesterday taken the 40 miles' journey from the hospital to his home in an ambulance.

He will not be fit to fulfil engagements for three months.—British Wireless Service.

RESTORATION OF U.S. TRADE.

Non-Partisan Support For Tariff Bill.

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.
(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1894. Received March 8, 9.05 a.m.)

Washington, To-day.
Appearing before the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee the American Secretary of State, Mr. William Cordell Hull, urged non-partisan support for the Administration's Reciprocal Tariff Bill.

He said that it was the only feasible means to restore trade, which was vital to prosperity.—United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

FIVE MODIFICATIONS TO THE FLETCHER-RAYBURN BILL.

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TREASURY SECRETARY DENIES OPPOSITION TO BILL.

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.
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Washington, To-day.
The United States Treasury Secretary, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, has denied that he is opposed to the Stock Exchange Regulation Bill.

However, he said that the Treasury were interested only in so far as the Bill affects Government bond market.—United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

ANGLO-FRENCH TRADE PACT.

Negotiations Open Next Wednesday.

DELEGATES NOMINATED

London, To-day.

The trade negotiations between Great Britain and France will open in London on Wednesday next.

The British Government has received a note from the French Government asking if this date is suitable, and the British Government has replied in the affirmative.

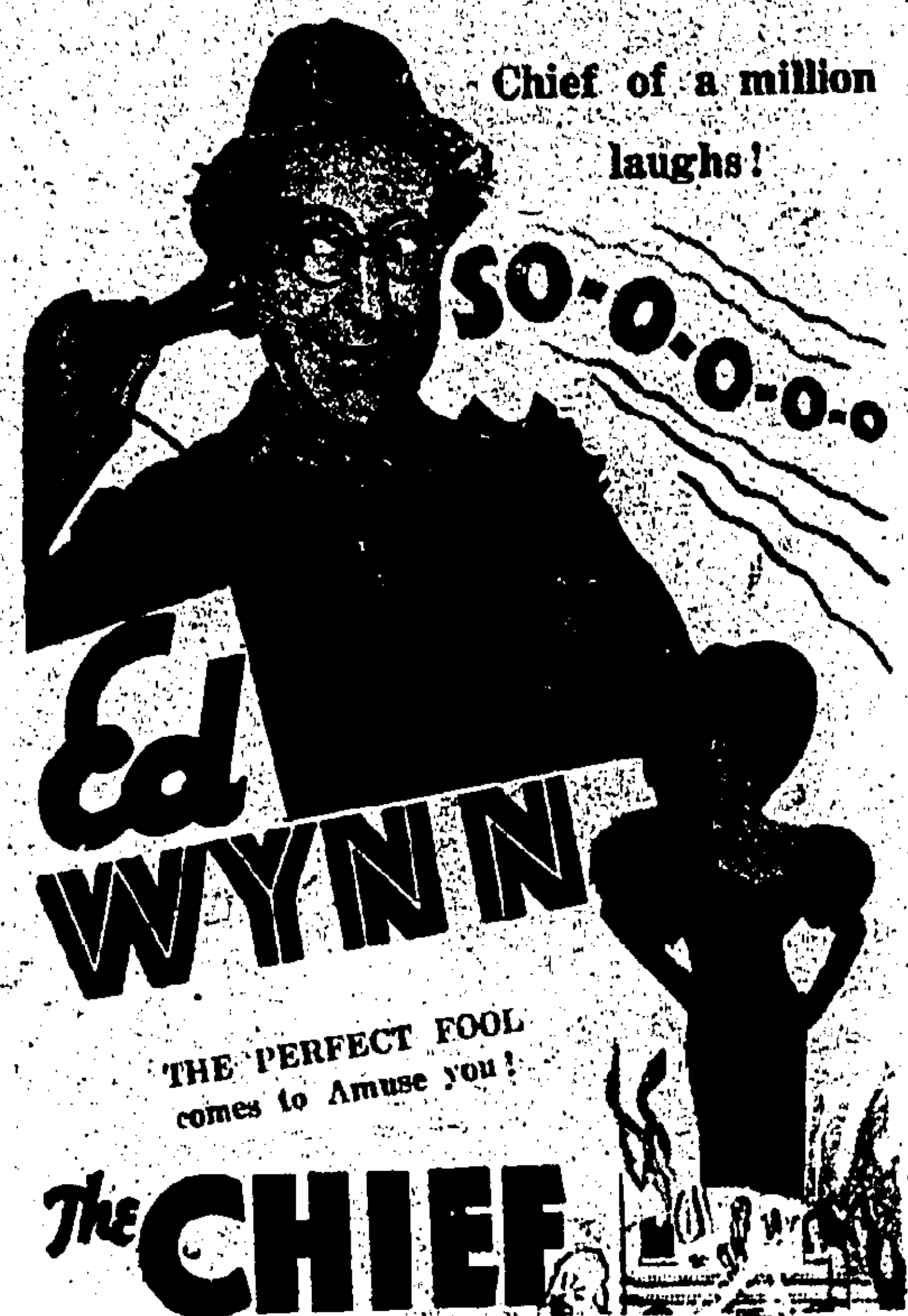
The French delegation will consist of M. Lamoureux, Minister of Commerce, M. Delabume, of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mms. Bonnefons and Philipp, of the Ministry of Commerce, and M. Lesage, of the Ministry of Agriculture.

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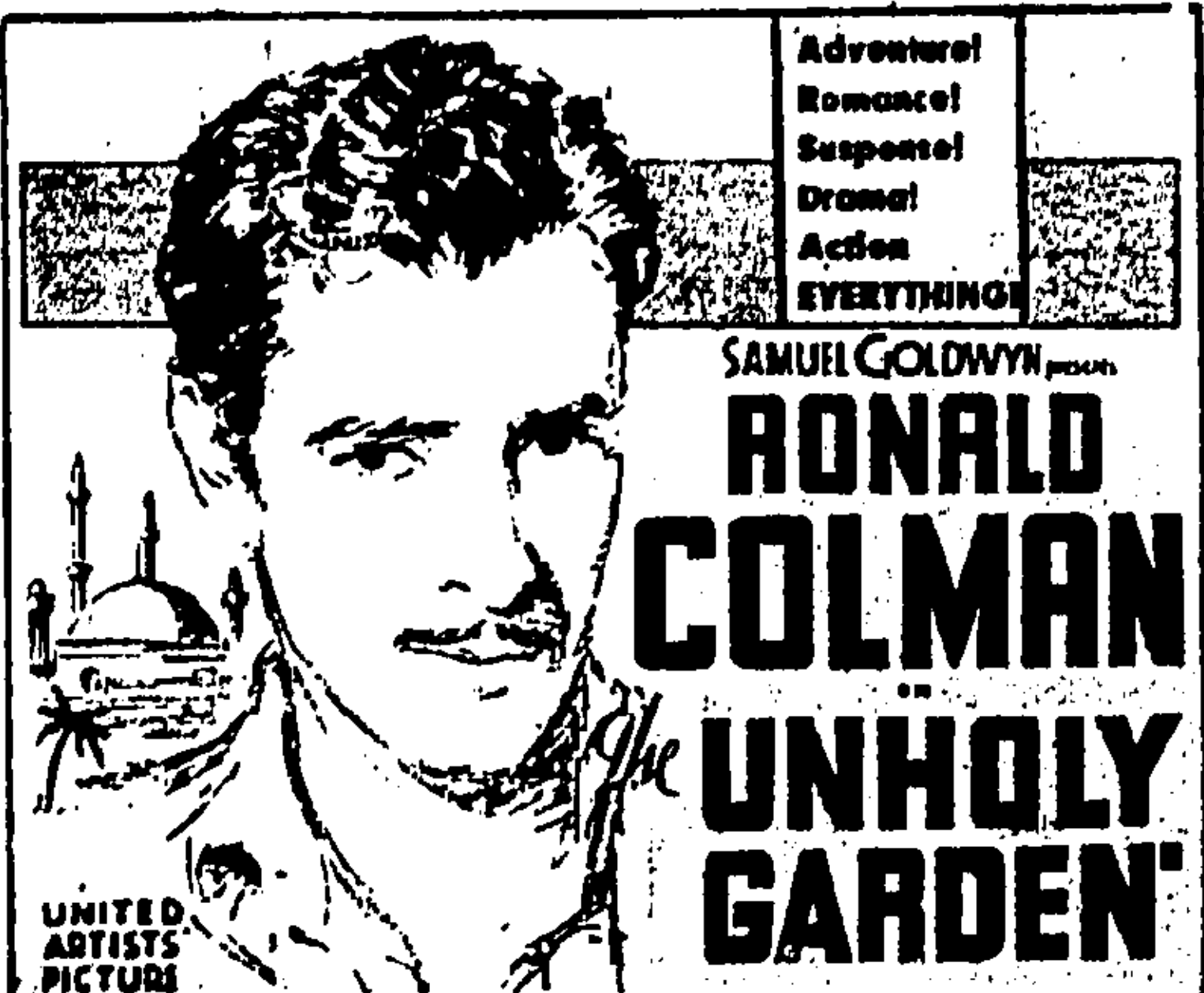
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